

The results of the Junior National Scholarship Examination were made known on the 11th January, those of the Civil Service Junior Examination on the 14th January, those of the Civil Service Senior Examination on the 16th February, those of the examination for the Education Boards' Senior Scholarships and for Senior Free Places on the 14th January, and those of the teachers' examinations on the 21st February.

Of the total number of candidates that sat for the Junior National Scholarship and Junior Free Place Examinations, 1,482 were candidates for scholarships, and 732 for free places only. On the result of the examination 795 attained a scholarship qualification, and (including this number) 1,102 qualified for free places in secondary schools.

The highest percentages of marks gained in the various subjects of this examination were as follows : English, 96 ; arithmetic, 100 ; geography, 89 ; general paper, 85 ; drawing, 94. The highest percentage gained by any one candidate on the whole examination was 86.

Of the 2,369 candidates examined at the Civil Service Junior Examination in its varied applications, 1,421 were candidates under the provisions of the Civil Service Reform Act. In this class 800 of the number passed the examination, 220 of them with credit. Pupil-teacher candidates in the service of Education Boards numbered 52, and there were also 380 competitors for Senior Board Scholarships, inclusive of 4 and 116 respectively who were at the same time candidates for the Civil Service. In the whole of the examination the candidates that passed, and thereby, whether so specially desired or not, satisfied the examination requirements for Senior Free Places in secondary schools or district high schools, totalled 1,278. This examination in its non-competitive form will hereafter be known as the "Intermediate Examination."

Of the 443 Civil Service Senior Candidates, 180 came up to complete examinations in which they had already been partially successful. In all 124 passed the whole examination, and the work of 203 in addition was accepted by the Department in two or more subjects towards the full qualification.

The numbers of candidates that entered for different stages of the Teachers' Certificate Examinations, with their status at the time of entry, are shown in the subjoined table :—

Examinations previously passed.				Candidates for the Whole or Part of the Class C Examination.	For Class D.	For Class D, with the Matriculation Examination of December, 1909.	For Completion of Partial Pass for Class D.	For Special Certificates in Single Subjects.	Totals.
Nil	...	...	...	23	295	40	...	4	362
Matriculation	...	...	...	94	273	...	...	1	368
Partial pass for Class E	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	7
Class E	...	...	...	11	8	...	...	...	19
Partial pass for Class D	...	...	...	117	...	...	243	...	360
Class D	...	...	...	163	...	...	...	...	163
Higher examinations	...	...	...	421	8	...	48	...	477
Totals	...	...	...	830	590	40	291	5	1,756

[NOTE.—The columns of the table are not mutually exclusive, a number of the candidates being entrants for more than one class of certificate.]

Of the total number of candidates in this group, 409 completed the requirements as follows : 4 for Class A, 13 for Class B, 160 for Class C, and 232 for Class D ; 459 others obtained " partial pass " —1 for Class A, 188 for Class C, 270 for Class D. There were 213 whose work in a section consisting of one or more separate subjects was accepted towards Class C by the Department, and 401 candidates, besides 193 absentees, failed to improve their status.

The joint expenses of both groups of examinations amounted to £4,931 16s. 7d., exclusive of the cost of printing and of clerical work. The fees paid by candidates totalled £3,657 5s.

Attached to this report are lists of the examiners, and of the successful and partially successful candidates. The examination-papers, with an appendix containing criticisms and suggestions made by the examiners, have been printed separately.

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